

In the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement paragraph:

5       Stabilized 17-substituted hydrocortisone containing compositions and  
      methods of manufacture. Isomerization of the hydrocortisone  
      component of topical steroid compositions is markedly reduced by  
      introducing an omega-~~6~~3 acid in the form of linoleic acid into the skin  
      preparation. Preferably, the linoleic acid is added as a component of  
      refined safflower oil. The omega-~~6~~3 acid has been found to be an  
10       effective way of preventing the isomerization of hydrocortisone 17-  
      butyrate into the undesirable isomer HC21-B.